

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 20, 2007

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 10:47 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Vice President Altman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present of Commissioner Christine Altman and Commissioner Steven A. Holt. Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Highway Business**

**117<sup>th</sup> & Olio Road Curb Cut Change of Use**

Mr. Jim Neal stated Tim (Knapp) has had contact with the developer (Thompson Thrift) of 117<sup>th</sup> & Olio Road and they are going to re-design their project to get away from asking the county to abandon that area of right of way; they have still requested changing the use of 117<sup>th</sup> Street to a commercial driveway. Holt motioned to table due to lack of information. Altman asked if there is a recommendation from the highway department? Neal stated the changing of a public road approach to a commercial entrance, there is no issue by the highway department. They have had no contact with anyone at the highway department except for Tim. Mr. Tim Knapp stated the purchase closes in January. Altman asked how long did we give them to close on the purchase? Knapp stated we gave them 180 days from the date of the sale and then we gave them an extension as part of the agreement because they had to go through the Town of Fishers for their zoning changes. Altman asked when is the end of their extension? Knapp stated sometime towards the end of January. Altman recommended Knapp remind them of the deadline.

**131<sup>st</sup> Street and Allisonville Road**

Mr. Brad Davis requested approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Fishers for the turn lane on 131<sup>st</sup> Street and Allisonville Road. The county has agreed to pay for the construction of the turn lane and right of way that might be needed for the turn lane only. Fishers will pay for any utility relocation costs for the whole project. Davis stated we did not have the agreement in time to encumber the funds so an additional appropriation will be requested. Holt motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Attorney**

**Retainage Escrow Agreement – MacDougall Pierce Construction, Inc.**

Mr. Mike Howard requested approval of a Retainage Escrow Agreement with MacDougall Pierce Construction, Inc. for the Hamilton County Corrections Complex Phase III project. Holt motioned to approve the Retainage Agreement on the Community Corrections Complex for MacDougall Pierce. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Liability Trust Claim**

Howard requested approval of a Liability Trust Claim for Stephenson Morow & Semler in the amount of \$3,179.38. Holt motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 11-26-07-A, Amending Animal Control Ordinance**

Howard requested approval of Ordinance 11-26-07-A, An Ordinance Amending Hamilton County Ordinance 03-23-06-A, Sections 15-2.1-1-1, 3, 8 & 23 Concerning Animal Control Regulations. There was a concern about a person who had one litter falling under the kennel exception. Tom Rogers, Animal Control Officer, will issue a warning ticket that they did not get their animal spay/neutered and indicated he does a lot of work with warning tickets. There is no charge and only a permitting issue. Holt motioned to approve on second reading the Animal Control Ordinance regarding kennels and spay/neuter. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**HIPPA Opt-Out**

Ms. Sheena Randall requested approval of the renewal of the HIPPA Opt-Out. Holt motioned to opt-out of HIPPA. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Auditor**

**Vendor Claims**

Ms. Robin Mills requested approval of Vendor Claims to be paid December 26, 2007. Three (3) claims have been pulled for review. Altman stated one claim is for a parka for a Surveyor's employee. Altman has spoken with the Surveyor and this is a safety issue. We need to come up with a policy of what is allowable and not allowable and clarify it with the departments. Altman asked to table the claim for the shoes until we have further explanation. The parka is what the Surveyor's employees wear for safety reasons, they are red so they can be seen while working. The third claim is for the award ceremonies by the Prosecutor's office; Altman asked what did we do last year? Mills stated the Commissioners paid it last year but we were to get the Attorney General's opinion, which we have not received. Howard stated it is a State Board of Accounts opinion. Holt motioned to table and asked Howard to bring back a recommendation. Altman clarified that the shoe claim and awards claims are tabled. Holt motioned to approve the parka claim. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Acceptance of Bonds/Letters of Credit – Drainage Board**

Mills requested acceptance of Bonds and Letters of Credit for the drainage board. 1) HCDB-2007-00069 – The Cincinnati Insurance Company Site Improvement Performance Bond No. B8491094 for Cool Creek Village Phase II - \$31,080.00. 2) HCDB-2007-00069 - The Cincinnati Insurance Company Site Improvement Performance Bond No. B8491094 for Cool Creek Village Phase II - \$31,080.00. (Rider changing the Obligee Name from Hamilton County Surveyor's Office to Hamilton County Board of Commissioners). Holt motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Payroll Claims**

Mills requested approval of Payroll Claims for the period of December 3-16, 2007 to be paid December 28, 2007. Holt motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Homestead Rebate Processing Agreement**

Mills requested approval of a Homestead Rebate Processing Agreement with Boyce Forms/Systems. Boyce will mail the checks and notices and work with the county treasurer on reconciliation. Currently we estimate 70,000 checks will be processed with an estimated \$14,700,000 in rebates. We can use the interest towards the processing costs. The estimated cost is \$50,000. Holt motioned to accept the Boyce proposal. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Unfunded Highway Department Projects**

Davis presented a list of unfunded needs for the highway department to the Commissioners for their review. Altman suggested this list be discussed at the next meeting. Altman scheduled a work session on January 14, following the regular meeting in Conference Room 1A, to discuss this list.

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**Ginny Hughes Retirement**

Davis stated Ginny Hughes is retiring after 20 years of service to the county. The Commissioners commended Ginny on her years of service; she has done a wonderful job.  
Holt motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Present**

Christine Altman, Commissioner  
Steven A. Holt, Commissioner  
Robin M. Mills, Auditor  
Dawn Coverdale, Chief Deputy Auditor  
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners  
Michael Howard, Attorney  
Brad Davis, Highway Director  
Jim Neal, County Highway Engineer  
Dave Lucas, Highway Staff Engineer  
Tim Knapp, Highway Right-of-Way Manager  
Sheena Randall, Human Resources

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Robin M. Mills, Auditor